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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK.
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 23, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, 23,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, 2300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2800,000.
RESERVE FUND, 2150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

To-morrow Evening, JULY 30th, 1879.

FAREWELL BENEFIT OF MISS CLARA STANLEY.

Under the Distinguished Patronage and Presence of HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL DONOVAN, Commanding the TROOPS IN CHINA AND JAPAN, and LIEUT. COLONEL GEDDES and OFFICERS 27th (LIMESKILLINGS) REGT., When will be produced: DONIZETTI'S "DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT."

MISS CLARA STANLEY as "MARIE."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Tonio.....Miss AGNES DRÄGER.
Sergeant Sulpice.....Mr C. CLAREMONT.
Hortensius.....Mr J. ROLLINGS.
Corporal.....Mr EVERARD.
Duke de Grandet.....Miss MORTON.
Duchess.....Miss BERTHA HOOTER.
Marchioness de Bergenfeld.....MISS CLARA STANLEY.

By Kind Permission of COLONEL GEDDES and the OFFICERS of the 27th LIMESKILLINGS, the BAND will perform the following Selections during the evening:—

Overture...{ Daughter of the Regiment } DONIZETTI.
Selection.....Fledermaus.....STRAUSS.

Between the First and Second Acts HERB WERNER will perform a CLARINETTE SOLO FANTASIA, Ma Normandie.....LAZARUS.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle or Orchestra Stalls.....TWO DOLLARS. Pit.....ONE DOLLAR.

Doors Open at half-past 8; Performance to Commence at 9 o'clock p.m. sharp.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KRUZE & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

JOHN ROLLINGS, Business Manager.

Hongkong, July 29, 1879. jy31

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH, QUEEN'S ROAD, (Next door to the Exchange).

ARE now showing a LARGE VARIETY of New LADIES' NOTE PAPERS & ENVELOPES.

NEW SHEET MUSIC. BOOSEY'S CABINETS. MASON & HAMLIN'S ORGANS. PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS. SOAP BOOKS. INKSTANDS. LEATHER BLOTTER BOOKS. NEW STOVE-ORNAMENTS. MENU CARDS. PLAYING CARDS. BEZIQUE. LETTER CASES. CARD CASES. PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES. POCKET SLATES.

WINSOR & NEWTON'S DRAWING MATERIALS. New CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS. Their Celebrated TOBACCOS, CIGARS and CIGARETTES.

Hongkong, July 7, 1879. an1

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

OUR Annual SALE of SURPLUS Summer STOCK will commence on MONDAY, July 21st, and be Continued for FOURTEEN DAYS only.

This Great SALE will be carried out on the system which gave so much satisfaction last year. All GOODS will be marked in Plain Figures, in Blue, from which no reduction Can or will be Made. The SALE will positively Close on MONDAY, August 4th, after which date No GOODS will be SOLD at the Extreme Low Prices marked for this Sale.

We shall offer—

FANCY SILKS. GLACE SILKS. GROSSEIN SILKS. JAPANESE POPLINS.

GRENADINE DRESS GOODS, White and Colored MUSLIN DRESS GOODS, HOLLANDS, LAWNS, GINGHAMS, PRINTS at Greatly Reduced Prices.

COTTON and THREAD HOSE HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS and CUFFS, LACES and LACE GOODS, All Very Cheap.

BABY LINEN and LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Several Thousand Yards USEFUL REMNANTS, comprising: PRINTS, CALICOES, FLANNELS, HOLLANDS, &c., &c., at Ridiculously Low Prices.

A Few Baskets RIBBON REMNANTS, Marked Exceedingly Cheap.

A Splendid CALICO will be SOLD at 13 Cents, a very Superior Summer GAUZE FLANNEL at 45 Cents, and Fine French HOLLANDS for WASHING DRESSES at 25 Cents per Yard.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be Continued as Usual during the SALE.

SAYLE & Co., Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

Hongkong, July 13, 1879. an1

FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL, LEASE, FURNITURE and FIXTURES OF THE CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI—CHINA.

THIS HOTEL, which is furnished throughout in a very Superior Manner, has been in operation for upwards of 3½ Years, and affords an Excellent Opportunity for an Energetic Man, or a Married Couple, to secure a Competency in a few Years.

Terms, and full Particulars, can be obtained upon application to HALL & HOLTZ, Shanghai.

July 21, 1879. an21

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY.

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 3-lb. Tins.

And, A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINE, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdillo, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheraz, Relating Burgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also, (From Bordeaux), CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case. A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT, Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, May 29, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading by this COMPANY'S STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. J. HOWARD, is hereby revoked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is authorized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

ALL GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

Intimations.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THERE will be a General MEETING of the above CLUB, at the BATH HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY Next, the 30th Instant, at 6.30 p.m. Members are requested to attend.

L. B. FRIEND, LIBR. R. E., Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879. jy30

NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Section, about 64 miles, of the Company's GUTZLAFF NAGASAKI CABLE has been RE-LAID from the South to the North of the PARKER, SADDLES and BARREN ISLANDS in a curve from GUTZLAFF to the NORTH SADDLE, running along ELLIOT, CHESNEY and SIDE SADDLE, about 3 mile distant, and from the NORTH SADDLES LIGHT, bearing South, 1 mile distant, in an E. by S. direction about 31 miles, passing the BARREN ISLANDS until these bear W. ½ N. distance 6 miles, when the Cable is again applied into the old Line running in a straight Line about E. N. E. till midway between PALLAS ROCK and MUCOSIMA (Asses Ears) on the coast of Japan.

GEORGE J. HELLAND, General Agent.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, HEAD OFFICE, Shanghai, June 20, 1879. jy30

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE DIVIDEND of \$2.50 PER SHARE declared at the Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS Held To-day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after the 10th Proximo. SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the SECRETARY'S Office for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879. jy31

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Thirteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring dividends. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 8, 1879. jy31

TAKASIMA MINE.

NOTICE.

MR. NAKAHARA KUNINOZUKE has been appointed my Sole AGENT for the sale of all COAL produced from the TAKASIMA MINES, and all Purchases of such Coal must be made through him and his representatives on and after the 16th Instant.

GOTO SHOJIRO.

Nagasaki, June 13, 1879.

ON and after the 16th Instant, my Representatives for the SALE of all COAL produced from the Takasima Mines will be

At Nagasaki, Mr. RYLE HOLME.

At China Ports, Hongkong and Elsewhere, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Or their Agents.

NAKAHARA KUNINOZUKE.

Nagasaki, June 13, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the Six Months from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the Distribution of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. cc31

HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

VOLUNTEERS are earnestly requested to ENROLL themselves on the LIST of the above named Society, as the TYPHOON SEASON is at hand, and more Working Members are necessary.

Kindly send Name and Address to the HONORARY SECRETARY.

Blue Serge Shirt, Helmet, and Life Belt supplied Free of Charge.

P. H. EMANUEL, Hon. Secretary, Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, July 2, 1879. an2

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The Steamship "CELTIC MONARCH" will leave for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY Next, the 30th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. jy30

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "YAMOA," Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 31st Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFLAIC & Co.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. jy31

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Spanish Steamer "EMUY," Capt. BLANCO, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The British Steamer "SUNBEAM" will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "GLENIFFER," Capt. GLAHAM, will be despatched as above on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, July 12, 1879.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. (To follow the "Gleniffer.") The Steamship "GLENIGLE," Captain QUARTLY, shortly expected, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, July 16, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The 3/3 L.I.I. Russian Bark "KALAJA," J. Ross, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, July 20, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 41 British Bark "COLWYN," BULMAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1879.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Lydia*, Capt. PAULSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. jy30

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER *CELTIC MONARCH*, FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by Messrs NORTON & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 2nd August A.O. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are also informed that, before delivery can be obtained, they will be required to sign the Average Bond and to give Approved Guarantee for Contribution to General Average.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. jy31

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S. S. BOKHARA.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel from London, Bombay and intermediate Ports and in connection with the *Australia* from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 2nd August will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation to the contrary be received, before Noon To-morrow.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. au2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP *AGNES MUIR*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. au3

FROM LONDON & PORTS OF CALL.

THE Brit. S. S. *Sunbeam* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th August will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879. au4

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship *China*, Captain LACROIX, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

Ex Yangtze.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 17/17, Or, 20 cases T. J. from L/don.

Ex Amazone.

S O Ghee Soon Tye, 203 bales Cotton, from Singapore.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

INFORMATION.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE, Secretary.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MECHERICH MINING SOCIETY.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 27, 1879. au27

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE,"

Commandant REYNIER, will be despatched for the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, July 29, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "PEIHO,"

Commandant PASQUALINI, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, July 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

CELEA, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Drew.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

BETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.

GUSTAV, German barque, Captain J. Raben.—Landstein & Co.

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe.—Meyer & Co.

SAINT MARK, British steamer, Captain Johnson.—Meyer & Co.

OLAN ALPINE, British steamer, Captain W. J. Rule.—Captain.

Drew.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

July 28, St. Mark, British steamer, 1098, Johnson, Saigon July 24, Rice.—Meyer & Co.

July 29, Pacific, German steamer, 69, Hensheim, South Sea Islands (Yap) July 20, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

July 29, Clan Alpine, British steamer, 1360, W. R. Rule, Bombay, via Singapore July 22, General.—CAPTAIN.

July 29, City of Tokio, American steamer, 5079, Maury, San Francisco July 1, and Yokohama 22, Mails, General and Treasure (\$166,950.28).—P. M. S. S. Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 29, Me-li, for Hothow and Haiphong.

29, Teucer, for Singapore, &c.

29, Malva, for Europe, &c.

29, Carisbrook, for Swatow and Amoy.

29, Lota, for Newchwang.

CLEARED.

Canton, for Bangkok.

Taiwan, for Foochow.

Celia, for Foochow.

Gesine Bros, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Pacific, from South Sea Islands, Mr Robertson, Mr and Mrs Kleinschmidt.

Per City of Tokio, from San Francisco, &c., Mr D. M. Forbes, Mr and Mrs Negeu.

Per St. Mark, from Saigon, 140 Chinese.

Per Clan Alpine, from Bombay and Singapore, 20 Chinese, and 2 Indian.

DEPARTED.

Per Malva, from Hongkong: for Southampton, Mr D. Robb, R.N., and Mr G. Brunt; for Brindisi, Capt. Ashton.—From Shanghai: for Southampton, Mr and Mrs Jalland and 2 children; for Bombay, Mr W. J. Silas.—From Yokohama: for Southampton, Mr and Mrs Burnett and 4 children; for Bombay, Mr de Braganza.

Per Singapore, Sir A. Stepany and servant.

Per Teucer, for London, Mr Wright.

Per Me-li, for Hothow, &c., 30 Chinese.

Per Carisbrook, for Swatow, 40 Chinese; for Amoy, 25 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *St. Mark* reports: Fine weather and light S.W. monsoon from 15 N.

The British steamer *Pacific* reports: Had fine weather and calm throughout.

The British steamer *Clan Alpine* reports: Moderate monsoon and generally fine weather.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1879.

CARGO.

Inwards.—Per S. S. *City of Tokio*, from San Francisco, &c., 1,201 pkgs. Fish, 41,815 bags Flour, 23 pkgs. Ginseng, 2,200 flasks Quackaliver, 677 pkgs. Shrimp, 1,314 pkgs. Shrimp Shell, and 1,028 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA.—Per *Bellona*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst.

For YOKOHAMA and HIOGO.—Per *Celtic Monarch*, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—Per *Nemosa*, at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 31st inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st August, with Mails for Amoy, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. au1

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Amazon*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 30th August, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 15th August, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879. au15

Quotations.

HONGKONG, July 29, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, each, 542½ @ 545

" Old, each, 502½ @ 505

" New Borneo, each, 502½ @ 505

" Old, each, 502½ @ 505

" New Malwa, credit, 760

" Allowance, each, 6/12

" Old Malwa, credit, 775

" Allowance, each, 6

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/7½

" Demand, ... 3/7½

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8

" 4 months' sight, ... 3/8½

Credits, 4 ... 3/8½

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 3/8½

India, Wire, ... 22½

" demand, ... 22½

" 30 days' sight, ... 73½

Gold Leaf, 99½ fine ... 27/50

Sovereigns, ... 5/38

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 63 ½ prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,300

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500

North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,250

Yongtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 710

Chinese Insurance Co., \$280

H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$735

China Fire Ins. Co., \$175

H.K. & W. Dock Co., 4 ½ prem.

H.K. & M. S.-boat Co., \$5 dm.

Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 11

China Coast. St. Nav. Co., Tls. 90

Hongkong Gas Co., \$70

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65

China Sugar Refining Co., \$137½

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, July 29, 1879.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.910

Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.860

Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.818

THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 84

Do. 1 P.M. ... 84

Do. 4 P.M. ... 84

Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 80

Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 80

Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 80

Do. Maximum ... 84½

Do. Minimum over night ... 78

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, July 31.—

10 a.m.—*Nemosa* leaves for Coast Ports.

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Head Office, Hongkong.

FRIDAY, August 1.—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, August 2.—

Goods per *Bokhara* not delivered this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Celtic Monarch* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.O.

MONDAY, August 4.—

Goods per *Sunbeam* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, August 5.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

5 p.m.—*Celtic Monarch* leaves for Yokohama, &c.

Meeting.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club at the Bath House.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Operatic Performance.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1879.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next INDIAN MAILS are expected on or about the 1st proximo, by the Calcutta opium steamers.

The delivery of the American mail was begun at 2.50 this afternoon. The mail was landed at 2.35.

We hear from a private source that the S.S. *Ulysses*, which left Liverpool on the 19th ultimo, arrived at Singapore on Sunday last, about 2 p.m.

The Hongkong and Volunteer Fire Brigades met for practice this afternoon at five o'clock. The two Steam engines were taken down to the Praya, the hand engines up to Seoyingpoon. There was a very fair muster, and everything passed off satisfactorily.

The new Steam engine, built to the order of the Hongkong Government, by Messrs Shand, Mason & Co., of London, was landed to-day, and is considered, by the engineers of the Fire Brigade, to be a very valuable acquisition to those already in the Colony. The new engine is built on an entirely new principle.

The S.S. *Kiung Chow* had a trial trip yesterday, starting from the P. & O. Wharf, down past Lema, and back to the Wharf.

An average speed of 8½ knots was obtained. Extensive alterations have been made on the *Kiung Chow* since her arrival from Hoi How. The upper deck houses have been removed; the Captain's room, with other accommodation for officers, engineers and comrades, are very complete; there are also two spacious compartments for passengers. There is ample accommodation for a great number of Chinese passengers, although we believe she will be restricted to carrying about one hundred. The *Kiung Chow* is now one of the most compact vessels trading to and from Hongkong, and is an exact likeness of the S.S. *Douglas* on a small scale.

RECENT advices from Singapore report that the following tea steamers have passed through after coaling:—the *Fleur de Canton* from Hankow on the 9th, the *Bengalee* from Foochow on the same day, the *Breconshire</*

opinion on such occasions whether it was pleasant or unpleasant to listen to. But he must say that the remarks Mr Morgan had made, so far as this Company was concerned, and he could vouch for this, so far as his (the Chairman's) connection with Mr Bellios as a member of the Board of Directors, few men could or would have devoted that time, attention, care and ability which Mr Bellios had to further and understand its interests. He would enter no further into the matter; but down put to the meeting the original motion in which he had been interrupted.

The motion for the re-election of the two retiring directors, Mr Keswick and Mr Bellios was then put and carried *unanimously*. The next business, the Chairman said, was the re-election of auditors. The retiring auditors—Messrs Hauschild and H. Smith—offered themselves.

Mr W. Morgan objected to the re-election of Mr Hauschild simply because no shareholder should be on the audit. He had nothing to say against Mr Hauschild; he simply objected to his re-election on that principle.

Mr MacCulloch supported the objection. The Chairman referred Mr Morgan to rule 118, in the articles of association, which provides that no person, always excepting the retiring auditors, shall be elected as auditor, unless the shareholder proposing to nominate him, gives seven days' notice of such intention to the Secretary, and the name of the gentleman proposed to be appointed is posted at the office for five days previous to the day of meeting. It was not, therefore, possible to appoint any other person to-day. If they objected to either of the retiring auditors, they could vote against him; but he did not see any other course now open.

Mr Morgan proposed and Mr MacCulloch seconded, a motion to the effect that the two names be put separately to the meeting, which was lost by two votes; 8 to 6.

Mr Bellios proposed and Mr da Silva seconded the re-election of the two retiring auditors, Mr Hauschild and Mr Smith, which was carried without opposition.

The Chairman stated that the dividend warrants would be ready on Thursday. There being no questions asked nor information desired by the shareholders, the meeting resolved itself into a private meeting to consider the question to which the Chairman had referred in his opening remarks.

FOUND DROWNED.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital on the body of a Chinese male, name unknown about thirty years of age. C. V. Creagh, Esq., as Coroner; Messrs A. Macdonald, H. D. Grundy and O. Noddy formed the jury.

Dr Wherry stated—The body of deceased was brought to the Hospital this morning about ten o'clock. I examined the body; it had been dead some days, and was too much decomposed to enable me to detect marks of violence or to say what was the cause of death. It was that of a Chinese male about thirty years of age.

Leung Atai, P. S. 476, said: This morning I was on duty in the police boat about 6.45. I found deceased floating in the water near the long pier Wanchau; went to the Inspector and reported what I had seen; he sent a Constable with me, and we took the body to the Hospital. I have made enquiries about the case and cannot find out anything about it; there were an old brown jacket and dark trousers, also one sandal on the body.

At this stage of the proceedings the Coroner remanded the case till Saturday next at 3 o'clock to admit of the body being identified. A description of the body will be published in Chinese, and the clothes of deceased will be on view at the Central Station.

Mr H. Z. Just, one of the jurors summoned, failed to put in an appearance when his name was called.

P. C. Joseph White proved having served the summons personally on Mr Just.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 for non-attendance.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Tuesday, July 29th.

ROOFTOP OF SHRUBS ON THE HILL-SIDE.—Yeung Ating, farmer, was charged with rooftoping up shrubs on the hill-side near the Pokfulam Road on the 28th instant.

P. O. Nullah Singh, 598, stated, he was coming to Victoria from Aberdeen on patrol duty yesterday, and saw prisoner coming down the hill side with the shrubs produced in Court; one large shrub had been pulled up by the roots; he took him in charge.

The prisoner said—I am a farmer in my native place and did not know I was doing wrong, as I have been here only a short time. I pulled the shrubs to use them as a medicine.

Fined \$5 or fourteen days' with hard labour.

P. O. Nullah Singh was recalled and awarded \$1 in accordance with C. S. O. No. 2508 of 1876.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.—

Leung Aam, a carpenter, was charged by Gamme Khan, P. O. 673, with disorderly conduct and throwing a stone at complainant.

P. O. 673, Gamme Khan, said while on duty in Gap Street he saw a number of men gambling on the Recreation Ground, and went towards them; when he approached they got up and pelted him with pieces of brick; he blew his whistle and an Indian Sergeant came to his assistance. The prisoner at that moment threw half a brick at him, striking him on the leg.

P. S. Sultan Malik, 642, states—I saw prisoner throw the piece of brick; it hit P. O. 673 on the leg. I picked up the brick and saw prisoner arrested.

Defendant's version of the story is that he was going to St. Stephen's Chapel in Tai-ping-shan; there was no row going on at the time, he had to pass close to the police Sergeant who arrested him. Fined \$5 or fourteen days, and to be exposed in the stocks for six hours.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Acting Puisne Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Tuesday, July 29th.

KERR v. BELL & OTHERS.

This was a suit for \$300, being claim for work done at the Oriental Sugar Refinery, of which the defendants were lessees.

Mr Denny appeared for the plaintiff; Mr Johnson for the defence.

The plea for the defence were "never indebted," the defendants alleging that the plaintiff had never been in their employ.

Thomas Kerr, states—I am an engineer, and have been in that business for over fifteen years, have a first class certificate; I was engaged in August 1st 1877, on a three years' engagement, at \$175 per month, in November I was asked by defendants to stay on at half wages. I then took employment as 1st engineer in the *Washi* at \$200 per month. Smith and Kerr then engaged me, at the rate of \$200 per month. This agreement was in writing. I remained there four months till the 21st of April last. In May 22nd 1878, Adamson Bell took over the works. I know nothing about the masters' arrangements at all. I had no other agreement. Since September last Mr Taylor had been manager there; he paid me from June to December. I was not paid for April and May; Mr Smith went home and did not pay me. I have a claim for \$482 odd. In December the works stopped. I saw Mr Taylor regularly after that. It was always understood that the thing was to be settled soon. After I had been fully two months without pay I went to Mr Williamson. By the newspaper I saw they held a lease, and so went to him. I asked him if he could give me any information as to when things would be settled. I saw him again in April, and he said he believed it would be settled soon. I told him I had a chance of another job. Next day I was told I would be kept on if I waited a few days more. I had been up several times asking when I and the other men at the place would be paid, and Mr Williamson told me to send in the bill, which I did. I have never applied to Mr Kerr or Mr Dawson for my money. I consider Adamson Bell my masters. I was never told so by anybody; but I saw by the papers that they leased the works. I am now employed by Lau Hok Ping. I am getting now \$150. I have never received any notice from anybody to leave.

Cross-examined—I conceived my idea that Messrs Adamson Bell and Co. were my masters from an advertisement in the papers that they had leased the whole works and everything connected with it. I have no agreement save the original one which was never completed. The receipts for my wages placed in my hand are signed by me; they are receipts for wages for June to December; one every month. They refer there to the wages as being received from the Oriental Sugar Refinery, not from Messrs Adamson Bell.

To the Court:—The body of the receipt is not in my hand-writing. Mr Taylor brought it to me ready written out. There is a new company now, and I don't know who they are. I have been engaged by Mr Dickie, whom I consider as my master.

Wm. Lapsley:—I am a sugar boiler and was engaged by Mr Williamson and Mr Taylor, at the rate of \$225 a month, on the 24th September last, and began work next day. The receipt produced is that I gave for my wages. (The receipt was in the same terms as those granted by the plaintiff). I was engaged by Mr Williamson and Mr Taylor.

Re-examined:—The new books of the company now bear the same name as of old,—"Oriental Refinery."

Mr Denny being asked by the Court how he met these receipts said he simply put it to the Court that Adamson Bell and Co. had been trading under the title of the "Oriental Sugar Refinery." They were Adamson Bell and Co., as merchants; and they were the Oriental Sugar Refinery as manufacturers of sugar.

His Lordship: What do you say to that, Mr Johnson? I'm rather neat.

Mr Johnson: I am more startled by it than any thing else.

His Lordship said, after some unimportant conversation, that he was inclined to enter a non-suit against the plaintiff. He had not proved one set on the part of Adamson Bell which went to show that they were his masters, or ever had any agreement with him. Had the advertisement been put in, there might have been a *prima facie* case.

Mr Denny ultimately asked for leave to put in the advertisement, which was done by consent.

[It simply gave notice that Messrs Adamson Bell & Co., having leased the Oriental Sugar Refinery, all communications connected with the business should be addressed to them.]

On the advertisement his Lordship said he would hold that there was a *prima facie* case, and the case then went on.

W. H. Taylor:—I took over the management of the Sugar Refinery on 20th April last year. I was appointed by the partners of the Sugar Refinery, Messrs Smith, Kerr, Dawson and Wa Hee; my relations with them have not undergone any change since then save through bankruptcy. Mr Kerr was in the same employ. I know that there was some arrangement between the partners and Messrs Adamson Bell. I do not consider that that arrangement interfered at all with my agreement with the partners. The system was for me to get the money required month by month from Adamson Bell, and disburse the same as Manager for the Oriental Sugar Refinery Company. My own expenses I drew in the same way, and the same I drew in the books of the Oriental Sugar Refinery Company. [Lodge produced to prove that Mr Kerr's account was kept in the same way.]

His Lordship ruled it could not be admitted in the evidence.

His Lordship: Were you in any sense Manager there for Adamson Bell & Co.?

Witness: No. I was Manager for the partners who appointed me.

Cross-examined:—After Adamson Bell & Co. took over the works I bought sugar for them; but I was not their Agent or representative. I bought the sugar as manager of the Works, to work up and hand over to them for sale. I gave up the keys to Mr Kerr, because I knew I could trust him and because I wanted to give him a chance of getting his wages. I told him:—"Don't you give up these keys until you get your money." I do not know that Adamson Bell were trying to get the works and would be sure to keep him on. I knew that other arrangements were being pushed on to conduct the business otherwise. We were intending to get a company in London to work this and the Swatow concern. It would have been under my management, and they would have been given the agency.

By the Court:—Mr Williamson was often at the works in the morning and night look in three or four times a day, as he was passing. I engaged Mr Lapsley, I did not get Mr Williamson's consent or sanction. I got Mr Kerr's. I had Mr Williamson present because he had the

power to throw up the lease were the staff kept up insufficient, and that would not have suited us then.

Cross-examined:—I dismissed Mr Walker, the Engineer, in May; I had the sanction of the partners for this. I dismissed Mr Meyer, sugar boiler in August; I suspended him first, and afterwards, when I had the sanction of Mr Kerr, I dismissed him too.

Mr Williamson produced the agreement:—Under this agreement the premises were let for two months certain pending the formation of a company. On that lease I purchased sugar and sent it to the Refinery. I entered into an agreement with Mr Taylor. I gave him money monthly, which he disbursed. He was not our Manager. He was there before and whilst and after I was. His position was the same all through. I neither employed nor dismissed any one. The works at present in December. I think about a month or so after the works were stopped Kerr came up to get news as to when the lease would be settled.

I said things were being pushed on as rapidly as possible. He told me he preferred hand work to sea, and asked my advice as to how he should do. I said I believed the works would be carried on by ourselves or some one else; and I would use my influence to get him taken on as Engineer. He told me he had been troubled by the poorer of those employed at the Refinery for their money. I asked him to get a note of the amount outstanding, and I would pass it on, and see what could be done. This was all.

By Mr Denny:—I had not at that time given up the idea of taking over the works. Mr Denny: You had not given up all idea of working the place until the recent decision of the *Pang Ahim* case?

Witness: I did not give up all idea then. Mr Denny: Perhaps you have not given up all idea of that yet?

Witness: Perhaps not.

Mr Denny: But you have for the present?

Witness: Yes.

At his own request witness was re-called and afforded an opportunity of explaining that he took no part whatever in the negotiations concerning Mr Lapsley's appointment. Under a clause of the agreement which had been read he considered it was his duty to exercise a general supervision over the whole conduct of the concern. Mr Taylor consulted him about the appointment of this man and he was present during the conversation to which he had referred in the witness-box. He remembered every circumstance connected with it very well; and when Mr Lapsley stated that Mr Taylor said or that he said that they would engage him whenever he was free from the East Point concern, he stated what was entirely untrue. What was said by Mr Taylor was that he could not treat at all with him as long as he was connected with that Company. He got rather enraged and left, saying that if that was so they would not get him at all. He (witness) took no part whatever in the negotiation.

Mr Johnson submitted that the advertisement should be read in connection with the agreement; which had been put in; it showed that no agreement existed between Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. and plaintiff. His object was to buy sugar and refine the same, and to use the servants and machinery at the works but were not responsible for the salaries of the servants. The employees were not their employees. The lease was only one of two months, subject to renewal. They had not taken over the works in the sense the plaintiff misapprehended from the advertisement. It was plainly proved by the evidence, he contended that no agreement had ever existed between his clients and Mr Kerr. Mr Williamson had only given Kerr advice, and merely told him to "hold on" in the hope that the works would be started soon again. Mr Kerr had never given notice to his clients when about to accept a new engagement.

His Lordship asked: Was there not an implied agreement between the parties? It had been shown that plaintiff had done work and been paid by defendants. Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. were advertised as having taken over the lease of the premises; and the lease showed that the rental of the same was fixed by monthly profits. Had Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. wished they could have discharged every man employed on the premises, but did not do so; therefore was it not reasonable for Mr Kerr to suppose that the new lessees were his employers?

Mr Denny submitted that an implied agreement existed between one who does work for any firm and that firm. His client was taken over with the lease of the Sugar Refinery, and had Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. chosen they could have refused to employ him. On the other hand, he could have refused to work for Messrs Adamson Bell, his agreement being with Kerr, Smith and others. But, had he done so, they could have entered into a new agreement; this was not done, and as Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. continued to employ Kerr without telling him that any change had taken place in the proprietorship of the works, he contended that an implied agreement was proved. It is a master's business to discharge a servant, not for a servant to discharge himself.

Mr Francis said he would deliver judgment on Friday next.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

SIR,—I was too much astonished at the remarks made by Messrs Taylor and Morgan at the meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company this afternoon to make any reply, even if I had thought it advisable to do so then; but on consideration I do not think it right to allow them to go to the public without comment.

I am accused of speculating in shares, to the ruin of the young men of this Colony. This is a grave charge, and I feel it acutely, as it is, as I can prove, utterly undeserved. By speculating in shares, I understand that buying and selling is meant. If this be so, I have not speculated; I have merely sold.

In order that my position may be understood I may say that I have not bought either a single Steamboat or Bank share for many years. Some years back I bought a large number of Steamboat shares when they were at 40 premium, and to protect my own interests I became a director. Will any one blame me for doing so? I have not sold a single share since that time.

Can any one accuse me of speculating in Steamboats? A

Referring to Banks, I have been a large holder of these shares for a number of years. I bought them in prosperous times; I held them through the eighteen months when no dividend was paid, and they were at one time quoted 30 discount, and then, when better days came, I deemed I had a right to sell. For the past two years I have intended to leave the Colony, and have remained chiefly because I could not realise my property advantageously. Accordingly, when Bank shares were about 70 premium, I put mine on the market here, and they were sold. Subsequently the shares went up some 25 per cent higher, and I consequently did not obtain the highest price for them. This was not speculation, nor can I, in selling, be accused of taking advantage of young men. To call it so is a deliberate slander.

I may add that I have not bought any shares in the Colony for years, and have simply been anxious, as who would not be, to realise my property to the best advantage. With these few lines of explanation, I leave the matter in the hands of the public, confident that it will do me justice.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1879.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me a short space to draw attention to a nuisance which is steadily on the increase, namely, the number of Chinese coolies sleeping on the footpath under the verandahs all along the Praya Central.

So many robberies have lately been committed in the lanes that it is high time the police put a stop to this out-door sleeping, because this is, in my opinion, and that of others too, the main cause of them.

X.

ERRATUM.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

29th July.

SIR,—Instead of "hawking" in X.Y.Z.'s letter of the 26th instant, as printed in the *China Mail*, please read "houghing." Vide Latham's Dictionary of the English Language.

ONOMATOPEIA.

Foochow.

A correspondent, writing from Foochow, on the 23rd instant, sends the following items:—

The first examination of W. McKenzie Broadly in bankruptcy took place on Friday at the Consulate. At a meeting of his creditors held last month a proposal was made that he should give promissory notes, payable 31st December 1884, for the amount of his debts, and that his creditors should allow and assist him to carry on business as before. If on that date he was unable to pay, the notes to be renewed. This being rejected, he was made bankrupt, and F. W. Fry was appointed trustee. Mr W. Wheeler was asked to be a trustee but declined, and Mr Cole of Pardon & Co. took the post. The books have been given to Mr Wheeler to examine and put straight, and things are being pushed on as fast as possible. The proceedings at the Consulate last Friday (18th) commenced with a dispute between the Consul and Mr Broadly as to the right of the former to put the latter under oath; at last he was sworn: being asked by the Consul if he had put in his schedule of assets and liabilities, he said "no." The Consul reminded him that it was a serious breach of the law, and Mr Broadly eventually promised to do it before the next meeting. Mr Cole then asked that Mr Wheeler might be allowed to question Broadly on behalf of the trustees. That gentleman then asked the Bankrupt several questions about his accounts, &c. He had kept no books, he said, previous to May 1878, though he had memoranda from which books could be written up. He had shipped tea on his own account or on joint account since 1872 or 1873, and until last year his shipments had been fairly successful. He estimates his assets at about \$1,800, but they are all hypothecated. He considered himself quite solvent at the beginning of last season, but was disappointed at the result of two cargoes of tea which in February or March were expected to realize 15 per cent profit but were afterwards sold at a loss. A book called "Australian tea shipment book" was produced, with all the leaves which had been written on torn out, and he was asked to explain this. He said the missing leaves contained nothing but private memoranda about his tea, and he had torn them out to prevent them from falling into the hands of Messrs Hickling and Paterson. The examination was adjourned until the 26th, before which date the bankrupt is to file his schedule.

We have now Mons. and Madame Hirle-mann here; they gave their first concert last night, assisted by amateurs. She is a vocalist, he a pianist, both far better than we are in the habit of hearing here.

Telegrams reporting the result of the *Glennegyle*'s tea are expected daily. Every-body expects, and has expected for some time, that the result will be bad; but still we buy tea.

Manila.

A telegram has been received here, through Hongkong, to the effect that Messrs Olan Larranga & Co's steamer *Victoria*, on her way from Liverpool to Manila, broke down near Aden. The telegram says that the passengers will be transferred to one of the Messageries Maritimes steamers, which will reach Singapore on the 28th, and requests the sending of the Company's steamer *Graciosa* or *Churrua* to Singapore to convey the passengers to Manila. The *Churrua* consequently left for Singapore on the 22nd.

The Spanish corvette *Yencedora* was to leave Manila for China (Hongkong) for the purpose of docking and cleaning her bottom.

The San Nicolas Lighthouse will be lighted up from the 1st August next.

Surigao has experienced several disastrous earthquakes which commenced about 3 a.m. on the 1st July; the shocks were even stronger than that felt in that city in 1873, and they followed one another for several days; only up to 8 a.m. of the 2nd, no less than forty-five distinct shocks were experienced. The Casa-Real has been rendered uninhabitable, as well as many other houses; the surrounding walls of the church were thrown to the ground. Since the 1st July and up to the 16th, when the *Churrua* left, the number of shocks felt had increased to seventy. This phenomenon has caused much anxiety there, and the people are much frightened. The personal injuries,

however, have been confined to three soldiers and a boy being slightly wounded.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. City of Tokio, Captain Marry, with dates from San Francisco to July 1st, arrived early this afternoon.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

London, June 30.—A despatch from Berlin says the resignation of Ministers Falk, Friedenthal and Hohrich has been caused, possibly, by Bismarck's endeavors to form a force alliance with Ultramontanes and Conservatives.

It is said that in consequence of the Cabinet crisis, the Government has suspended negotiations with the Ultramontanes.

Many persons believe that the coolness between Russia and Germany is owing to the influence of the Czarvitch.

London, June 30.—The Lord Chancellor introduced in the House of Lords, to-day, the Government's Irish University scheme, which proposes the dissolution of the Queen's University and the application of its endowment grants to a University on the model of the London University.

Constantinople, June 30.—The British and French Ambassadors have protested against the abrogation of the irade of 1841, which gave the Khedive power to conclude treaties with foreign Governments. They demand that the status which existed previous to the deposition of Ismail Pasha shall be maintained.

Paris, June 30.—L'Ordre, the organ of Roubier, makes the following declaration: Prince Jerome Napoleon is recognized as the chief of the Napoleonic dynasty, and consequently chief of the Bonapartist party. He cannot fail to receive the resolute and devoted support of all faithful to the Empire.

At a meeting of Bonapartists at the residence of Roubier, to-day, the will of the late Prince Imperial was read, but no decision was arrived at respecting the future course of the party. A deputation of the meeting communicated the will to Prince Jerome Bonaparte, who simply acknowledged it. Roubier refused to participate in the deputation, stating that henceforth he was determined to take no active part in politics.

London, June 30.—A despatch from Paris says that Prince Jerome Napoleon will publish a manifesto after the funeral of the Prince Imperial, urging all Bonapartists to submit to the Republic, and that he has already assured President Gravy that he will not become a Pretender to the Imperial throne.

A despatch from Paris announces that Roubier has been summoned here.

A split in the Bonapartist party is inevitable, owing to the secession of the Clericals.

London, June 30.—The Duke of Cambridge has approved the proposal for a general army subscription to raise a memorial to the Prince Imperial. A subscription has already been opened.

London, June 28.—Beaconsfield's Private Secretary writes to Tracy Turnurelli that Beaconsfield cannot accept the golden wreath purchased by the penny subscriptions of 52,800 people. The letter hints that Turnurelli is a place hunter, and got up the affair from personal motives. The affair caused much ridicule in the Opposition papers.

Rome, June 28.—The pleading in the Antonelli will case has been closed, and judgment will be rendered in ten days. The defence pleaded that the suit of the Countess Lambertini, who claimed to be the daughter of the late Cardinal Antonelli, should be rejected, because sacrilegious children—that is, the children of priests—had not even the right to claim parentage.

Cairo, June 27.—Prince Tewfik, the new Khedive, held a reception to-day, which was attended by the foreign Consuls, Egyptian officials, and all notable Europeans in Cairo.

Tewfik was proclaimed Viceroy of Egypt yesterday, with a salute of 100 guns.

The Russian Consul General has been ordered to support the other Consuls in the position they have taken.

It is reported that the deposed Khedive will receive a pension of £5000 per annum.

London, June 27.—The amount of bullion in the Bank of England, £300,143,525, is the largest on record.

Paris, June 27.—The Government took precautions, yesterday, against any demonstration at the mass of requiem for the Prince Imperial. The troops in the neighboring barracks were confined to their quarters, and the police were ordered to arrest anybody indulging in Bonapartist cries.

London, June 27.—The Prince Imperial, in his will, appoints Prince Victor Napoleon as his successor.

London, June 25.—The Times in its financial article says: "The silver market at the close yesterday, was steadier than during the whole of the past week. It is stated that in some quarters yesterday the purchases were for Austria, and it is even thought that a demand for Austria is imminent. There is hardly any demand for India; but should Austria prove to be a large buyer, a further fall in prices may perhaps be arrested."

London, June 25.—A Berlin special says the Directors of the Imperial Bank of Germany have passed resolutions declaring an increase of the silver coinage of Germany imperatively necessary.

THE JAPANESE YEN AS A HONG-KONG CURRENT COIN.

(Japan Gazette.)

There can be no object in disguising the truth, however disagreeable it may be, and we are obliged to say the Chinese and other peoples will not accept the seal or stamp of the Japanese mint as a guarantee of value; it is not sufficient security; and even if the legislative council of Victoria should decree the coinage of this country to be a legal tender there, still traders would not accept it, for years to come if ever, except in comparison with the known standard of the dollar, and again, like the dollar, it would be instantly reduced by the furnace to shreds of specie. Whatever the action of Hongkong may be in this matter it is quite certain that it can have no influence upon the Chinese of the coast and inland markets. The Hongkong mint which had at its command influences that Japan cannot have, did not answer the purpose of its promoters. If Japanese yen are sent to the West Coast, or to Amoy or Foochow or Formosa or to Canton, the value will simply be the weight and fineness of the silver, minus the cost of melting it into specie. The charges incurred in Japan for mintage will be wasted. How Japan is to profit we do not know.

The value of a "legalized circulation" in Hongkong is a mere trivium, and we look upon the whole theory of Mr Watson as delusive. He is arguing in a vicious circle. The real question at issue is not whether Japan shall provide a coinage for China, but what she can coin for her own needs. If the gross reserve of 6,000,000 should consist of new silver-yen it could have been put into circulation at about one per cent discount with dollars, the loss being only 60,000 yen; or, better still, the Treasury could have bought up and withdrawn a liability of 8,197,200 gold yen for their 6,000,000 of silver. Are these evidences of an embarrassing position in consequence of the uselessness of the metallic reserve? We think not, but Mr Watson says the Government "were only too eager to apply for remedial purposes large reserves of silver yen actually lying useless in their hands from the fact of the coin not being current though it is of identical fineness with the Mexican dollar and of incomparably higher finish and greater regularity of touch."

A few more words are to be said about the importance of the yen being made current in Hongkong. The mint established there some years ago turned out a large coinage of Hongkong dollars. That coinage has practically disappeared, for it exists no longer as a coin but only in specie into which it was speedily reduced. It never circulated beyond Hongkong as a coin, and was only regarded by Chinese as so much silver of trustworthy fineness, but never as a coin.

We are all familiar with the fable of the cat on her travels, and her question, "How was the first owl produced?" "From an egg." "But who laid that egg?" "Why, an owl, to be sure."

THE SILVER YEN QUESTION.

At the general meeting of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce on the 11th inst.,—the important report submitted at which we give in another column,—an expression of opinion was invited by the Chairman (Mr Wilkie) on the silver yen question.

Mr Watson in discussing that question, from the point of view of interests only

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched for Yokohama and San Francisco, via Amoy, on FRIDAY, August 1st, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS. Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent. Hongkong, July 24, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

Also, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON TUESDAY, the 5th August, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. AMAZON, Commandant LORMIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th August, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF TOKIO, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 15th August, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., the 14th August. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 4, 1879.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A NINTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 9th July, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th July, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, July 4, 1879.

Intimations
Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."
Now Ready.

No. 6.—Vol. VII.—OF THE

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CONTAINS—

Jottings from the Book of Rites 禮記. Translations of Chinese School-books. The Ballads of the Shi-king.

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Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries: The Pekingese Syllables 詩, etc. Supposed Mention in Chinese History of the Nestorian Mission to China in the 7th and 8th Centuries.

New Foochow Colloquial Words. The Kitchen-God. Examination of Licentiates. Cutting Crystals. Door Slabs of Literati. Coins of the Ming.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. China Mail Office, Hongkong, July 24, 1879.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION. NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS GODOWN on the Praya. Apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS. Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

TO LET.

(On Peddar's Wharf.)

OFFICES, fronting the Harbour, and GODOWNS; with possession from the 1st of July next.

Apply to G. R. LAMMERT. Hongkong, June 14, 1879.

TO LET.

MARINE HOUSE—WEST. SECOND FLOOR and a GODOWN.

OFFICES in Queen's Road, now under the occupation of Messrs Wilson & Bird, and Messrs DAVIS & Co.

Also, OFFICES and GODOWN in DUDDELL STREET. Apply to E. R. BELLIOS. Hongkong, May 21, 1879.

"ROSE VILLAS"—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, BONHAM ROAD.

WITH Large TENNIS LAWN. Apply to SHARP & DANBY, No. 6, Queen's Road Central, late Messrs E. D. Sassoon & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, PEDDAR'S HILL. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, April 29, 1879.

INSURANCES.

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 8, 1879.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premia for LIFE Insurance in China. MEYER & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 2, 1879.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Kinks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates. MELOCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

INSURANCES.
CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)
NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000 " Reserve Fund and Surplus £ 120,000 " Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Kinks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albion.....	6 h	Beesley	Brit. yacht	38	July 24		Japan	
Bellona.....	7 h	Abrens	Ger. str.	789	July 22	Butterfield & Swire	Yokohama	
Bombay.....	2 h		Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Cariabrooke.....	4 c	Wharton	Brit. str.	960	July 27	Bun Hin Chan	Swatow and Amoy	To-day
Cassandra.....	4 c	Langer	Ger. str.	937	July 27	Siemssen & Co.		
Celtic Monarch.....	5 h	Wawn	Brit. str.	1307	July 27	Melchers & Co.	Yokohama & Hiogo	To-morrow
City of Tokio.....	5 c	Maury	Amer. str.	5079	July 29	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F'isco	16th prox.
Clan Alpine.....	3 c	Kule	Brit. str.	1350	July 29	Birley & Co.		
Fame.....	6 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117		H. K. & W'pos Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Kiangchow.....	2 h	Goggin	Brit. str.	365	May 27	Kwok Acheong		31st inst.
Namoa.....	5 h	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	July 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Coast Dock
Norna.....	5 h	Love	Brit. str.	606	May 31	Kwok Acheong	Y'hama & San F'isco	1st prox.
Oceanic.....	5 c	Metsel	Brit. str.	3707	July 17	O. & S. S. Co.		
Pacific.....	4 c	Hernsheim	Ger. str.	69	July 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Rajasthanianhar.....	2 h	Hopkins	Brit. str.	933	July 26	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	
Saint Mark.....	4 c	Johnson	Brit. str.	1098	July 28	Meyer & Co.		
Sea Gull.....	8 h	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.		
Sunbeam.....	5 c	Dobson	Brit. str.	1154	July 27	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Yokohama & Hiogo	
Sunda.....	5 c	Reeves	Brit. str.	1704	July 26	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Yotung.....	2 h	McDougall	Brit. str.	286	July 27	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	
Zephyr.....	4 h	Heuer	Brit. str.	Russell & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Agnes Muir.....		Lowe	Brit. sh.	851	July 26	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
A. Newton.....		Newton	Brit. bge.	308	July 9	O. & S. S. Co.		In Dock
Alice O. Dickerman.....	4 h	Bryant	Amer. sh. so.	501	July 11	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	
Ann Adamson.....	4 h	Robertson	Brit. bge.	464	June 26	Kwong Him Woo		
Annie.....	4 c	Müller	Ger. sh. so.	845	July 22	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	
Candace.....	3 h	Candler	Brit. sh. so.	263	July 8	Ohluse	Colonies	
Canton.....	1 c	Knudsen	Amer. sh.	779	June 8	Chinese	Bangkok	Cleared
Celia.....	1 c	Drew	Brit. sh. so.	326	July 5	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Foochow	
Channel Queen.....	2 c	Laebur	Brit. bge.	609	May 24	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	London	
Charité.....	2 c	Gantier	Fch. bge.	256	July 28	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Chasca.....	4 h	Washburn	Amer. bge.	628	June 19	Russell & Co.	New York	
Chocola.....	7 h	Kennett	Brit. bge.	284	July 21	Rozario & Co.		
Colwyn.....	4 c	Bulman	Brit. bge.	1160	May 31	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Courier.....	4 c	Porte	Fch. bge.	346	July 16	Carlowitz & Co.		
Edward Barrow.....		Rich	Brit. bge.	958	June 26	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	Wanchai Pier
Emil Julius.....	5 h	Jürgensen	Ger. bge.	501	July 18	Melchers & Co.		
Franciska.....	4 c	Rolf	Ger. sch.	50	July 11	Siemssen & Co.		
Fred. P. Litchfield.....	7 c	Spalding	Amer. bge.	1083	July 11	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Newchwang	
Genie Brons.....	3 h	Primbach	Ger. bge.	402	July 11	Wieler & Co.		
Gustav.....	4 h	Raben	Ger. bge.	656	July 18	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	
H. Upmann.....	2 h	Weber	Ger. bge.	426	July 26	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Hamburg	
Helene.....	4 c	Volgarden	Ger. bge.	372	June 23	Vogel & Co.		
Hermine.....	3 h	Meyer	Ger. bge.	350	July 22	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.		
Highlander.....	4 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	Nagasaki	
Hopewell.....	7 h	Kanglols	Brit. bge.	578	July 10	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
J. A. Borland.....	8 c	Kent	Amer. bge.	670	July 26	Melchers & Co.	Newchwang	
Jacobine.....	5 h	Baig	Ger. bge.	417	July 17	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	
Johann Friedrich.....	3 h	Kroncke	Ger. bg.	242	July 9	Wieler & Co.	Tientsin	
John A. Briggs.....	8 c	Randall	Amer. sh.	2110	July 21	Messageries Maritimes		
Kim Yong Tye.....	3 c	Kloefod	Slam. bge.	329	July 11	Chinese		
Lota.....	4 c	Dudfield	Brit. bge.	472	July 24	Rozario & Co.	Newchwang	Cleared
Mangerton.....	3 h	Thompson	Brit. bge.	350	July 27	Chinese		
Marquis of Argyll.....	3 c	McKeon	Brit. bge.	500	June 11	Rozario & Co.		
Monte Rosa.....	7 c	Carter	Amer. sh.	1313	June 16	Vogel & Co.	New York	K'loon Dock
Montlara.....		Schneiders	Ger. sch.	78	July 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Paralos.....		Pasco	Fch. bge.	342	July 16	Carlowitz & Co.		
Pasig.....	4 c	Fremoga	Span. sch.	216	July 21	Dunn, Melbye & Co.		
Rapid.....	1 c	Terbrink	Amer. bge.	429	June 8	Chinese		
Registro.....	4 c	Peczon	Span. sch.	214	July 21	Benedict & Co.		
Rifelman.....	3 h	Scott	Brit. bge.	740	June 11	Order		
Sumatra.....	3 h	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Taiwan.....	4 h	Jessen	Ger. bge.	378	July 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Foochow	Cleared
Vanguard.....	2 h	Potter	Brit. bge.	332	July 21	Captain	Manila	
Victory.....	3 h	Whiting	Brit. bg.	255	July 21	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Tientsin	
Vigilant.....	4 c	Ross	Amer. sh.	1800	June 11	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
WHAMPOA								
Beethoven.....		Haje	Ger. bge.	340	July 24	Melchers & Co.	Chefoo	
Bonita.....		Stebr	Ger. sh. so.	341	July 21	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Tientsin	
Iphigenia.....		Green	Ger. bge.	June 30	Captain	Honolulu	
Tai Lee.....		Stebr	Ger. bge.	256	July 26	Eduard Schellhaas & Co.	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Amoy.....		Dreves	Brit. str.	814	July 28	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	